IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

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BONNIE HARGIS, Plaintiff,	JOAN M. GILMER CIRCUIT CLERK
vs.) Case No. 09SL-00775
ACCESS CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC; and WEBSTER BANK, N.A.) Division 20
Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM FOR CLERK

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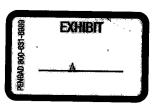
Dated this 23rd day of March, 2009.

CHRISTIAN G. MONTROY #57121

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

412 MISSOURI AVENUE EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62201

618/274-0434; FAX: 618/274-8369





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412 MISSOURI A VENUE ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS 62201-3016 TELEPHONE: (618) 274-0434 TOLL FREE: (800) 333-5297 FAX: (618) 274-8369

February 17, 2009

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis 7900 Carondelet Avenue Clayton, MO 63105

Re:

Bonnie Hargis v. Access Capital Funding, LLC, et al

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

- 1. An original and three (3) copies of a Circuit Civil/Associate Civil Filing Information Sheet;
- 2. An original and three (3) copies of a Petition;
- 3. Check in amount of \$133.00 payable to Circuit Clerk for the filing fee and St. Louis County Sheriff's fee for service upon the defendant located in St. Louis County, MO.

Please file the original Petition and original Circuit Civil/Associate Civil Filing Information Sheet and issue summonses directed to defendants.

Please forward Summons and Petition defendant Access Capital Funding and to the Sheriff of St. Louis County, MO for service.

Please return the Summons and Petition directed to defendant Webster Bank, N.A. to this office for service out of state.

Please also return a file-stamped copy of the Petition and Circuit Civil/Associate Civil Filing Information Sheet to me for my file.

A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning the documents.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Christian G. Montroy

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WEBSTER BANK, N.A., Serve: James C. Smith 145 Bank Street Waterbury, CT 06702)))	

CLASS ACTION PETITION

Plaintiff BONNIE HARGIS, by and through her attorney, CHRISTIAN G. MONTROY, brings this action on behalf of herself and those similarly situated against Access Capital Funding, LLC and Webster Bank, N.A., and states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff and her proposed Class who were illegally charged loan processing fees and administration fees by Defendant in connection with a loan. These fees represented the unauthorized practice of law, and Plaintiff and her class seek to have these fees refunded, as well as restitution and damages provided by law.

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Bonnie Hargis is a resident of Barnhart, Missouri, and a citizen of the State of Missouri.
- 3. Defendant Access Capital Funding is a Missouri corporation with its principal place of business in Chesterfield, Missouri. It is a loan provider.

4. Defendant Webster Bank, N.A., is a national bank that does business in Missouri, and has its principal place of business in Waterbury, Connecticut.

FACTS

- 5. On or about December 18, 2007, Plaintiff Hargis entered a loan agreement with Defendants to finance her home.
- 6. On or about December 18, 2007, Plaintiff was charged a \$200.00 "Processing Fee" by Defendant Access Capital Funding, LLC in connection with her home mortgage.
- 7. On or about December 18, 2007, Plaintiff was charged a \$450.00 "Admin Fee" by Defendant Webster Bank, N.A. in connection with her home mortgage.
- 8. The aforementioned fees were illegally charged for the practice of law and/or "law business" as defined by VAMS § 484.020.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS AND DEFINITION

- 9. The preparation and processing of documents to effectuate a loan transaction for a fee is the "practice of law," and is an engagement in the "law business," as those terms are used and defined in Section 4.84.020 R.S.Mo.
- 10. Plaintiff's class is defined as follows: all persons who, in connection with a loan or refinancing real property, were charged by Defendant a fee for the practice of law, as defined by VAMS § 484.020. This class includes all persons who paid any fee labeled as follows: "document preparation fee," "doc prep fees," "doc prep," "document processing fee," "doc processing fee," "doc processing fee," "document fee," "processing fee," "customer service processing fee," "customer service fee," "administrative fee," "administration fee," "admin fee," "customer benefit fee," or any fee similar in name. (Hereinafter, these fees are collectively referred to as "Processing Fees.") This Class includes persons who were charged such fees in connection with a loan from Defendants, from any of Defendants' subsidiaries, and from any of Defendants' businesses operating under one of its fictitious names.
- 11. Excluded from Plaintiffs' Class are: (1) Defendants, their employees, and all persons who have or had a controlling interest in the Defendants' corporations; (2) Defendants' legal representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns; (3) the judge who is assigned to this case

and his immediate family; (4) Plaintiff's attorney and his employees; and, (5) all persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class.

- 12. Plaintiff's proposed Class is comprised of thousands of Defendants' customers, the joinder of which is impracticable, and the members of the Class are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all of them before the Court in this action. Moreover, the amount of damages suffered individually by each member of the Class is so small as to make lawsuits for its recovery by each individual member of the Class economically unfeasible.
- 13. Class treatment of the claims asserted herein will provide substantial benefit to both the parties and the court system. A well defined commonality of interests in the questions of law and fact involved affects all Plaintiffs and proposed members of the Class.
- 14. There are common questions of law and fact applicable to the claims asserted on behalf of the Class. The common questions include:
 - (a) Whether Defendants charged Plaintiff's Class a fee for the preparation or processing of documents in connection with a loan;
 - (b) Whether the fees that Defendants charged Plaintiff and her Class constituted the illegal practice of law as defined by VAMS § 484.020;
 - (c) Whether Plaintiff's Class suffered actual damages as a result of Defendants' violation of VAMS § 484.020;
 - (d) Whether Plaintiff's Class' damages were proximately caused by Defendants' violation of VAMS § 484.020;
 - (e) Whether Defendants' Processing Fees violated the fraud provisions of the Merchandising Practices Act, VAMS § 407.101, et seq.;
 - (f) Whether Plaintiff's Class suffered actual damages as a result of Defendants' violation of VAMS § 407.101, et seq.;
 - (g) Whether Plaintiff's Class' damages were proximately caused by Defendants' violation of VAMS § 407.101, et seq.; and,
 - (h) Whether members of the Class have a right to recover the illegally charged fees paid to Defendant.
- 15. These questions of law and fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of Plaintiff's class.

- 16. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the proposed Class, and Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the proposed Class. Plaintiff does not have any interest antagonistic to those of the Class. Plaintiff has retained competent and experienced counsel in the prosecution of this type of litigation. The questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class, some of which are set out above, predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class.
- 17. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, because members of the Class number in the thousands and individual joinder is impracticable. The expenses and burden of individual litigation would make it impracticable or impossible for proposed members of the Class to prosecute their claims individually. Trial of Plaintiff's claims is manageable.
- 18. Unless a class is certified, Defendants will retain monies received as a result of its schemes to collect fees from Plaintiff and her Class. Unless a Class-wide injunction is issued, Defendant will continue to commit violations against Customers.
- 19. This action is maintainable as a class action pursuant to Rule 52.08 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure and pursuant to section 407.025.3 R.S.Mo.

COUNT I - VIOLATION OF SECTION 484.010, et seq.

- 20. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 21. The Missouri Legislature defined the "practice of law" is defined as "the drawing of papers, pleadings or documents," the "law business" as "the drawing or the procuring of or

assisting in the drawing for a valuable consideration of any paper, document or instrument affecting or relating to secular rights" VAMS § 484.010.

22. Missouri statute places the following limitations on the practice of law:

No person shall engage in the practice of law or do law business, as defined in section 484.010, or both, unless he shall have been duly licensed therefor and while his license therefor is in full force and effect, nor shall any association, partnership, limited liability company or corporation, except a professional corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of chapter 356, RSMo, a limited liability company organized and registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 347, RSMo, or a limited liability partnership organized or registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 358, RSMo, engage in the practice of the law or do law business as defined in section 484.010, or both.

VAMS § 484.020.1.

- 22. Defendants' Processing Fees were charges for the practice of law as defined by VAMS § 484.010.
- 23. Defendants are not corporations permitted to practice law pursuant to VAMS § 484.020.1.
- 24. Defendants' Processing Fees proximately caused Plaintiff and her Class to suffer financial injuries.
- 25. Defendants' conduct in charging Processing Fees was malicious, corrupt, and/or either intentional or reckless to a degree sufficient to support an award of punitive damages against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and her Class pray for the relief requested in the Request for Relief set forth below in this Class Action Petition.

COUNT II - VIOLATION OF SECTION 407.010. et seq. R.S.Mo.

- 26. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 27. Lending is a service under Section 407.010 et seq.
- 28. Missouri's Merchandising Practices Act prohibits:

[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.

VAMS § 407.020.

- 29. Defendants' Processing Fees were deceptions and unfair practices as defined by the Merchandising Practices Act.
- 30. Defendants' Processing Fees proximately caused Plaintiff and her Class to suffer financial injuries.
- 31. Defendants' conduct in charging Processing Fees was malicious, corrupt, and/or either intentional or reckless to a degree sufficient to support an award of punitive damages against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and their Class pray for the relief requested in the Request for Relief set forth below in this Class Action Petition.

COUNT III - UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth herein.
- 33. Defendants have received monies which in equity and good conscience ought to be paid to Plaintiff.

34. The conduct of Defendants was malicious, corrupt, and intentional and/or reckless to a degree sufficient to support an award of punitive damages against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and their Class pray for the relief requested in the Request for Relief set forth below in this Amended Class Action Petition.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and each member of her proposed Class pray for a judgment:

- (a) Certifying the Class as requested herein;
- (b) Entering an order appointing CHRISTIAN G. MONTROY as lead counsel for the Class;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Class treble damages in the sum of three times the Processing Fees charged;
- (d) Awarding restitution to Plaintiff and members of the proposed Class, including any interest paid or to be paid on any illegal fees that were financed by Plaintiff and Class;
- (e) Awarding declaratory and injunctive relief as permitted by law or equity including a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from continuing the unlawful practices as set forth herein and directing Defendants to identify, with Court supervision, victims of their conduct and pay them restitution and disgorgement of all monies acquired by Defendants by means of any act or practice declared by this Court to be wrongful;
- (f) Awarding punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- (g) Awarding pre-judgment interest;
- (h) Awarding post judgment interest;
- (i) Awarding attorneys' fees and costs;
- (j) Providing such further relief as may be fair and reasonable.

Plaintiff's damages exceed of \$100,000, but are less than \$5,000,000.00.

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